



**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
PRESIDENCY**

Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dr. Denis Bećirović

Sarajevo, June 12th 2023

Dear Mr. Masse,

On behalf of the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina and my own, allow me, as a Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, to sincerely thank you for the many years of significant contribution and achievements you have dedicated to Bosnia and Herzegovina, especially in terms of Cultural memory.

All the citizens of Bosnian and Herzegovinian origin living in Canada and many Canadians can testify about your contribution to Canada adopting the Srebrenica Genocide Remembrance Day and recognizing that a genocide was committed in Srebrenica. Despite tremendous resistance to use the term genocide, you never gave up, and the Canadian Parliament unanimously adopted the Resolution on October 19, 2010. The process of lobbying and advocating for this Resolution lasted more than a year, and your dedication, commitment, integrity, and courage were the key factors that led to the realization of a very significant achievement, for us - citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Furthermore, your work on the second Resolution, which was also unanimously adopted by the Canadian Parliament, your support for the existence of a permanent exhibition of the Srebrenica Genocide in Canada's most prestigious museum institution - the Museum for Human Rights, your work on building and opening a memorial for the victims of the Srebrenica Genocide in Windsor - the first of that kind in the Bosnian diaspora, your commitment to commemorate May 31 as World White Armband Day in Canada, and finally your determination to criminally sanction the Srebrenica Genocide denying in Canada are commendable examples of a consistent respect for international Law.

For these reasons, Mr. Masse, please accept the expression of my utmost respect and sincere wishes for your well-being as well as the success and prosperity of all Canadians.

Respectfully,

Bosnia and Herzegovina Presidency Member

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